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In re patent application of:

Applicants: Roger Moulton

Art Unit: 1753

Serial No.: 09/990,651

Examiner: Arun S. Phasge

Filing Date: 21 November 2001

Confirmation No. 3666

For: ELECTROCHEMICAL PROCESS FOR PRODUCING IONIC LIQUIDS

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2005 for which a one (1) month period of response was given. Kindly enter the present Reply and following remarks, and please reconsider the restriction requirement.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Docket No. SACHPO142US
(FORMERLY SOU747/4-3 US)****Serial No. 09/990,651****REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 49 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action to which this paper is responsive, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1 to 18, 21-27, 29-35, 37-43 and 45-48 (drawn to a process for preparing an ionic liquid, class 205/413); and

Group II: Claims 19, 20, 28, 36, 44 and 49 (drawn to a product, class 252/62.2).

Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1 to 18, 21-27, 29-35, 37-43 and 45-48.

The election is made with traverse, because Applicant considers that it would be no more burdensome to consider the product claims together with the process claims, since the products are closely related to the process by which they are produced.

Should the Examiner consider that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988, docket No. SACHPO142US.

Respectfully submitted,
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